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MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES ROADS INCLUDED IN 2011 DUST ABATEMENT PROGRAM

The Missoula County Public Works Department is pleased to announce the roads included in its 2011 dust abatement program. This program has grown significantly since its inception in 2007 and the County works to supplement the program with resident participation where ever possible. In order to achieve that goal, Missoula County allows residents to purchase dust palliative by adding their quantities to the County's annual purchase that is advertised for bids. Residents are only responsible for the palliative material costs attributable to their individual application: there is no separate charge for application or for the preparation that is completed by the County.

"The County's dust abatement program is our most effective maintenance activity. With a materials budget of \$275,000 and a two week window, we can prevent 80% of the maintenance needs on the County's gravel roads," says County Engineer Erik Dickson. To be included in the program, residents submitted a commitment letter to the Public Works Department in March and paid for the material in May. Application of the palliative is scheduled to start today and should take two weeks to complete, depending on weather and contractor availability.

The list of roads included in the program is attached and will be posted to the public works website. Citizens who did not participate this year but who are interested in the program are encouraged to submit an application in 2012. Please contact Erik Dickson, Missoula County Public Works Engineer, at 258-3772 with questions.

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